

\$27,000,000 MORE LOPPED OFF RAILMEN'S PAY

FIVE ARE SENTENCED TO LONG TERMS IN PRISON

HEAVY PUNISHMENT IS DOLED OUT TO MEN ADMITTING GUILT

TWO GO TO PONTIAC

THREE OTHERS ARE ORDERED COMMITTED AT JOLIET—OTTA- WA BOY SENT TO REFORMATORY—STATION AGENT CON- FESSES.

Justice was dealt with a heavy hand in the circuit court this morning, with a result that state penal institutions exacted more than their average toll of La Salle county prisoners under grand jury indictments.

Three felons, all of whom were held on true bills reported by the June grand jury, were ordered committed to the penitentiary at Joliet. Two others go to Pontiac to spend long terms in the state reformatory.

The sentences were administered by Judge Eldredge after the quintet had admitted their guilt of various crimes charged to them by State's Attorney Kelly. Obeying the orders as set out in the statutes of the commonwealth Judge Eldredge in dealing out punishment did only what was required of him by the law. As they stood before him at the bar of justice. He warned the prisoners of what their punishment would be. With full knowledge of "what was coming to them" if they pleaded guilty all five bowed their heads as they awaited the words which would deprive them of great and lengthy periods of liberty whilst they do penance for some misdeed.

One of the human interest phases connected with this morning's arraignment was the willing admission of George Lambert, La Salle auto thief, that he and not John Dallas, his companion, was responsible for the theft of a Chevrolet machine on April 21, from Frank Brown at La Salle.

Lambert, just turned 21 years, defended Dallas, a foreigner who could barely understand English, by saying that he, and not Dallas, stole the machine and made away with it. An hour after he had taken the car he told Dallas it was a stolen machine they were riding in. The court, recognizing that Dallas in condoning the theft, and not reporting it, became an accessory to the crime. Both were sentenced to the Joliet prison for terms of from one to twenty years.

A Long Time For \$12

Hugh W. Crosby and John McCombs met up for the first time at Otica one day this spring. An hour after their meeting they "risked" the services of a silver watch and \$6 in money. Crosby freely admitted his guilt but McCombs was evasive only in so far as the part he played in the actual crime. Crosby and he, he said, were taking Crosby home. He did not know that whilst they were escorting the man that Crosby robbed the victim of his watch and money with their total value of about \$12. Crosby owned the complaining witness. Then after a debate both pleaded guilty. For stealing \$12 the two of them will have from three to twenty years to ponder over the evils of a life of crime. At the hour, the rate of pay for common laborers the two men in three years would have earned \$2,007.68 or enough to buy 599 watches like the one they stole from Crosby. Crosby gave his age as 19 and McCombs says he is 38. Crosby goes to Pontiac and his pal to Joliet.

Station Agent Confesses.

Clarence Prager, C. O. & P. station agent at La Salle, indicted for embezzling \$1,250 of company funds over this spring. When asked if he was guilty or not guilty. He spoke "guilty." He was sentenced to from one to ten years at Joliet.

Willis Dugan to Pontiac.

Willis Dugan, 17 years old Ottawa boy, charged with having robbed the Katz overall factory and of having stolen parts from the I. N. Baxter garage, pleaded guilty and was sentenced to Pontiac for from one to twenty years. His alleged companion, Christ Bayer, is out on \$1,000 bonds, and was not brought in to plead.

FEARING RED PLOT

SLEUTHS GUARD GARY

Chicago, June 17.—Police constantly guarded Elbert Gary, head of the United States Steel Corporation, on his tour of inspection of the steel mills at Gary, Ind., yesterday. They had been warned his life was endangered by radicals.

Capt. Wm. Linn met Gary outside Gary with a squad of police armed with shotguns and pistols and persuaded him to enter the city by automobile, instead of train.

OFF AGAIN, ON AGAIN



DIVORCE DEFENDANT SUES FOR RETURN OF TWO CHILDREN

DEMAND IS MADE IN HABEAS CORPUS PROCEEDINGS FILED AGAINST WIFE PRINCIPAL IN BILL LEGAL SEPARATION.

Michael Vaccaro, of La Salle, whose wife Mary, started divorce proceedings against him yesterday in the circuit court, filed a habeas corpus bill in the circuit court today, in an effort to secure possession of his two little sons, Joseph, aged 13, and Anton, aged 6. A hearing on the petition will be held on Monday morning at 10 o'clock before Judge Eldredge in the circuit court.

The petition alleges that Mrs. Vaccaro has the unlawful custody of the two boys and that under the law the petitioner is entitled to them. The petition further alleges that Mrs. Vaccaro is not the proper person to have the custody of the children.

The petitioner is represented in his action by Attorney Thomas N. Haskins. Mrs. Vaccaro is represented by the firm of Coleman and Coleman in her divorce proceedings.

In the bill she filed yesterday, she alleged that the defendant threatened to kill her, was cruel to her, that he struck her over the head with a poker on one occasion and knocked her unconscious and that he once threw a butcher knife at her.

75 Receive Final Papers.

Seventy-five new citizens were naturalized at yesterday's hearing in the circuit court in this city. The day was one of the largest in the history of the county. The applicants appeared to be unusually well informed, and eager to answer their questions in an intelligent and alert manner.

Federal examiner George Mackay, of Chicago, who conducted the examinations, lost no time in pushing thru the heavy day's work, and conducted the work in a very capable manner. Of the seventy-five citizens who were quizzed only one was an ex-convict.

Upon the recommendation of the examiner, Judge Eldredge dismissed four petitions because the applicant secured exemption from the army during the world war. All four of these were said to have asked exemption claiming that they should not be compelled to fight for it. Four other petitions were dismissed for want of prosecution by the court.

Twenty-seven cases were continued on account of the absence of the petitioner from the court room, when their hearing was held. Each applicant had to be accom-

PAID BY TWO WITNESSES. THIS MADE A TOTAL OF 232 WITNESSES WHO WERE EXAMINED DURING THE DAY.

Transferred to Co. Court.

The case of Nicholas Latino of Streator, who was indicted by the grand jury yesterday on a charge of violating the search and seizure laws, was certified to the county court for trial by Judge Eldredge in the circuit court this morning.

Appeal Board Decision.

An appeal was carried from the industrial commission to the circuit court this morning by Peter Braida, of Peru, who is seeking to gain compensation from the Peru Construction Co., for injuries which he alleges he received while in their employ.

Secure Mechanic's Lien.

The J. C. Ames Lumber Co. started a mechanic's lien against the Frank J. Schmitz Co. of Streator, in the circuit court today. The action was brought to collect an alleged indebtedness of \$113.33.

Estate to Nephew.

The estate of the late Merritt W. Mallory of Chicago, a former Streator man, was filed for probate today. Mr. Mallory died on March 18. He left farm land valued at \$5,500 and personal property worth \$4,500. The petition asking that his estate be administered was filed by his nephew, George W. Mallory. It stated that he left surviving him no widow, parents nor children.

SMALL ORDERS MORE ROADS IMPROVED

Waukegan, Ill., June 17.—(A.P.)—Governor Small today approved plans and specifications for standard eighteen foot hard surfaced roads in sixteen counties in Illinois. Bids will be advertised for to be opened the first week in July.

With the letting of these contracts a total of 770 miles will have been sold for construction this year, leaving 230 miles of the year's program remaining. The governor also announced today that he would receive bids on 13.84 miles of heavy grading and eight new bridges for improvements to be let later. Some of the roads are in La Salle county.

The announcement followed several days' conferences with Col. C. R. Miller, director of the department of public works and buildings, and with Frank T. Sheet, superintendent of highways.

TRAIN STARTS TOO SOON: TWO ARE HURT

Tim Madigan was knocked from a baggage truck this morning while loading express on the Delta Chicago train and Manager Terry McCabe of the local express company received a badly bruised foot when a box fell from the truck onto his shoe. The mishap occurred when the train started unexpectedly and struck against the express company truck. The express and mail were just being put aboard when one of the members of the train crew gave the signal to start. The engine was stopped a short distance down the platform and the mail put aboard. Mr. Madigan received many bruises and a bad shaming up.

GIVEN 6 MONTHS IN COUNTY JAIL FOR TOTTING A REVOLVER

PRISONER FAILS TO RECEIVE ANY MERCY FROM COURT WHEN HE FAILED TO EXPLAIN WHY HE WAS ARMED.

A six months' sentence was imposed on Robert Stone in the County Court late yesterday afternoon for carrying a revolver without having legal authority to do so. After the hearing State's Attorney Kelly announced that he intended prosecuting every person within the confines of the county, no matter who he was, who violated the laws which prohibit the carrying of concealed weapons. He also said that he would ask the court in each instance to impose equally as severe a sentence on every offender, as was meted out to Stone yesterday.

Stone was taken into custody on Thursday when he rode into Mendota on a freight car. He was searched by the police and a revolver was found in his pocket. Stone was then placed in the Mendota jail, and at a preliminary hearing before a Mendota justice was bound over to the grand jury. Yesterday he was brought to Ottawa and lodged in the county jail. He arrived here just as the June grand jury was reporting.

The state's attorney then preferred an information against him in the County Court and arranged to give him a hearing in the late afternoon. When arraigned before Judge Rock, Stone pleaded guilty.

The jurist sentenced him to serve six months in the county jail, and he was escorted over to start his sentence at once.

Stone is said to have admitted to the authorities to being in trouble in other states. They believe him to be an ex-convict. His arrest was made merely because he looked suspicious and the Mendota authorities feared he would pull some crime there.

1 KU KLUX SPEEDER FINED \$50; OTHERS FREE

Chicago, June 17.—The three purported members of the Ku Klux Klan who were arrested while speeding on Archer road after returning from what they said was an attempt to flog Dr. William Muter at Morris, Ill., were arrested at Evergreen Park today after F. H. Passolunghi, driver of the car, had been fined \$50 for speeding. When the three were arraigned the policemen who arrested them said that the pistols and black jacks produced as evidence were found in the car and not on the men. There is no law against carrying weapons in a car.

Legal technicalities prevented introduction of testimony of an attempt to flog Dr. Muter.

BOARD MINORITY CONDEMNED FOR FAVORING STRIKE

Chicago, June 17.—Majority members of the United States railroad board who yesterday ordered another slash from wages of the nations railway workers retaliated to criticisms of minority members of the board with the charge that the dissenting members presented incendiary arguments in a strained and exaggerated effort to inflame the employees to strike against decision of the board. \$27,000,000 Annual Cut.

Yesterday's decision which lopped nearly \$27,000,000 from the wages of 32,000 railway clerks, signal men and stationary firemen, brought total reductions effective July 1, under the board's orders, up to \$135,000,000. Approximately 1,200,000 railway employees are affected by the orders.

Accompanying yesterday's order carrying reductions ranging from 3 to 6 cents an hour was a long statement from members representing the railroad and the public and the dissenting opinion by the dissenting members condemning the order. In their prompt rejoinder today the majority members said:

VALLEY OF MOHAWK TO BE ST. PATRICK'S GRADUATION PLAY

REHEARSALS FOR COMMENCEMENT PROCEED WITH SNAP AND VIGOR—TO BE STAGED JUNE 25TH.

Last night's rehearsal for the musical drama "In the Valley of the Mohawk" which is to be one of the features of the St. Patrick's graduation exercises indicates that it will be one of the finest musical plays ever staged in Ottawa. The graduation exercises will be held on the night of June 25 in St. Patrick's hall.

Twelve students will receive their diplomas from the eighth grade at these exercises. The commencement address will be delivered by Rev. Spaulding of Odell, who is a nephew of Archbishop Spaulding. The diplomas will be presented by Rev. Lawrence Hackett, who has charge of the school.

The program promises to be one of the finest ever given in Ottawa. More than 100 school children will take part in the play. The production is in three acts and six scenes. It is an Indian legend, showing the work of Father Juges in his missionary work among the Indians. There will be large choruses, all in attractive costumes.

Several of the members of the school alumni have been secured to assist in the presentation of the play. Some of the finest talent in the city is in the cast.

The cast of principal characters will be as follows:

- Father Juges, a Jesuit Missionary—John Keating.
- Katikwa, widow of former chief—Mary O'Connor.
- Tumashela, Katikwa's daughter—Catherine Harbour.
- Wanibah, niece of former chief—Mary Bulger.
- Tarasheda, Christian chief of Algonquins—Frank Canby.
- Orisham, his young brother—George McCarrons.
- Ossa, Tella, Pagan Orrita's playmate—Donat Canby.
- Black Hawk, Pagan chief of the Iroquois—Vincent Dougherty.
- Moochah, Iroquois Squaw—Marie Scherer.
- Owasah, Iroquois lad, Dan Brunick.
- Paganahackee, everybody's friend, Edward Bulger.
- Senore Braganza, wife of Portuguese captain, Nora Dwyer.
- Fran Von Carter, wife of commander of Fort Orange, Mary Callahan.
- Gretchen Von Carter, commander's little daughter, Helen Briel.
- Herr Von Gottenberger, colonel of Sixty-ninth Hollanders, Vincent McCormick.
- Londie Lowozza, his grandchild, Catherine Holdenreich.
- Angel of Victory, Ann Dougherty.

The graduates of the school are as follows:

- Helen Frances Briel.
- Thomas Stephen Harbour.
- Edward Joseph Bulger.
- Mary Martha Callahan.
- Raymond Joseph Berta.
- Paul Aloysius Debert.
- Daniel Stephen Brunick.
- Margaret Elizabeth Farrell.
- Francis Marie Gluchowski.
- Madeline Mary Mooney.
- Nellie Louise Mooney.
- Marie Elizabeth Scherer.

ST. XAVIER NUNS GET DEGREES AT CAPITAL

Three nuns of St. Xavier's Academy, Sister M. Blanche, Sister M. Fabian and Sister M. Azatha, received their bachelor of arts degree at the Catholic University in Washington, D. C., yesterday. The three sisters left immediately for Ottawa after the graduation exercises, and will arrive home sometime tonight. They have been attending the university for the past year.

WOULD BAR ALL SHIPS CARRYING BOOZE

Washington, June 17.—A bill denying entrance to American ports of any ship, foreign or domestic on which liquor is sold was introduced today by Representative Edmonds, Pennsylvania, ranking republican of the merchant marine committee, which drafted the ship subsidy bill.